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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., Sop. 9th, 1879.

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[Abstract:] If the amount of coinage of standard silver dollar at the Phila. Mint...

Treasury Department, Office of the Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C., September 9, 1879

Sir:

Your communication of the 6th instant in regard to purchasing planchets for the coinage of  $\phi$  pieces has been received.

In directing the coinage of \$50,000 bronze  $\phi$  pieces as soon as practicable I did not intend to urge its immediate coinage. In the months of June and July last nearly as many one cent pieces were coined as during either the years 1877 or 1878, and the coinage of the past fiscal year amounted to over \$97,000.

Probably the demand for these coins will not continue as urgent as it has, and I expect that the pressure at your Mint for the coinage of the standard dollar will be relieved by increased coinage at other Mints. Should this be the case you will there, doubtless, be able to do all the work in your Mint including the preparation of the metal as well as the coinage of the one cent pieces, which seems to have been intended by the coinage act, and to be preferable when practicable.

Section 3528, of the Revised Statutes requires the purchase of metal for the minor coinage by Public Advertisement, and the provision would apply to its purchase in the form of planchets as well as in ingots. Considerable time will elapse before bids can be awarded and planchets obtained from outside manufacturers.

However if you will inform me the estimates that are made by your Melter and Refiner, the cost of the Planchets prepared in the Mint, and send me also, the offer of the firm you mention who propose to furnish the planchets, I will, unless your future allotment for the coinage of standard dollars is reduced, cause are advertisement to be prepared for the planchets if it seems preferable to do so.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard Director

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